

# Daily GLOWBUGS

## Digest: V1 #111

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**Subject: glowbugs V1 #111**

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**Saturday, September 13 1997**

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Date: Fri, 12 Sep 1997 16:19:59 -0700 (PDT)

From: Ken Gordon <keng@uidaho.edu>

Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

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Ken W7EKB

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Date: Sat, 13 Sep 1997 00:14:35 +0000

From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

At 10:36 PM 9/12/97 +0000, you wrote:

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>to try to reduce the ever-encroaching SSB and DATA QRM on 40m below  
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Guess where the Spanish SSB and digital guys are going? Ain't gonna be up the band!

73,

E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

"Boat Anchors collected, restored, repaired, traded and used!"

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**\*\*Looking for: Hallicrafters SR-75 Transceiver\*\***

**\*\*RK-34(VT-224) tubes, Butternut HF2V antenna\*\***

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Been kinda half way following this.  
Guess it's time to crank up the 4-1000s etc.  
- -bob

Date: Sat, 13 Sep 1997 06:07:37 -0400  
From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mnsinc.com>  
Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

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Well, Sandy, this is OK, only IF they expand the CW band to include  
6900-7000 as a CW ONLY sub-band that can never be taken away!

I think we should get as many people as possible to lobby ARRL to do  
just that or leave the darn band alone.

Seems to me that trying to get 7075-7100 as a phone sub-band FIRST is  
a bit of a premature and stupid idea!

73 - Bry, AF4K

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\*\*\* 73 from Radio AF4K/G3XLQ Gaithersburg, MD USA \*  
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\*\*\* See the interesting ham radio resources at: \*  
\*\* <http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/> \*  
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From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mnsinc.com>  
Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

Ken, this certainly could be part of the problem.

I had immense fun doing my own little "intruder watch" on the CW  
portion of ten metres some years ago when the sunspots were many and  
CB-ers were known to drift their sliders up our way and run SSB in  
the 28000-28100 kHz section. It is amazing what a quick CQ with 1 kW  
of CW will do to those chaps!

Bry

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Date: Sat, 13 Sep 1997 07:35:19 -0500 (EST)  
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indy.net>  
Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

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leave 40 to the mode its best suited to!  
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73,  
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no-coder, and was handed a box of loose parts from Rat Shack and a couple  
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buying 100mF condensers where 100pF jobs were called for. \*Then,\* after  
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delivered, he called me up at 11:00pm to ask after the other project, when  
he'd been told it'd take a couple of weeks! Never again! He can either  
learn to build his own stuff, or go climb a tree).

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Date: Sat, 13 Sep 1997 08:21:58 -0700 (PDT)  
From: kd6poc@jps.net (Adam McLaughlin)  
Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

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during the second world war. (1750 to 1800 KHz)

73 to all,

Adam

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Date: Sat, 13 Sep 1997 20:06:08 -0400  
From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mnsinc.com>  
Subject: Re: "BA" net activity

On 13 Sep 97 at 8:21, Adam McLaughlin wrote:

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Adam, I think THAT sub-band went the way of upper-end-Medium  
- -Wave-band-creep(!)

Grin!

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